

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the courtesy shown by the Examiner during the telephone interview August 24, 2005. During the interview, Applicant discussed the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,803,519 to Daigle; 2,973,929 to Zawadzki; 4,479,322 to Koppel. Applicant also discussed substantively allowable claims 19, 20, 29, and 34, and possible amendments to the other claims. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that incorporating the limitation of claim 19 into claim 16 would place claim 16 in condition for allowance, therein obviating the need to incorporate the limitations of claims 17 and 18 into claim 16. Additionally, the Examiner indicated that substantively incorporating the limitations of claim 29 into claim 21, while addressing the antecedent basis provided by claim 28, would place claim 21 in condition for allowance. Moreover, substantively incorporating the limitations of claim 34 into claim 30, while addressing the antecedent basis provided by claim 31, would put claim 30 in condition for allowance.

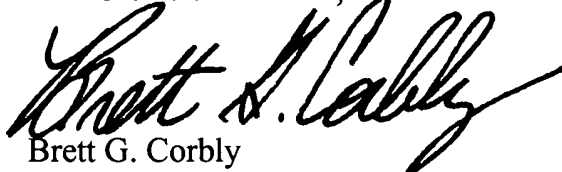
After carefully considering the Examiner's comments in the interview, and those in the Office Action mailed June 21, 2005, Applicant now responds by substantively accepting the allowed coverage, therein placing this application in condition for allowance.

As mentioned above, in the Action the Examiner indicates that claims 19, 20, 29, and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant accepts the allowed coverage and amends independent claims 16, 21, and 30 to substantively include limitations of allowable claims 19, 29, and 34, respectively, while addressing the antecedent basis provided by claims 28 and 31. In view of the amendments to independent claims, 16, 21, and 30, Applicant cancels claims 19, 29, and 34, and amends claim 20 to modify its dependence in view of the cancellation to claim 19. By their dependence, Applicant respectfully submits the patentability of claims 17-18, 20, 22-28, 31-33, and 35-37. Also, with regard to the Examiner's objection to claims 16-18 because of several informalities, Applicant amends these claims to fully adopt the Examiner's suggested modifications.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for claims 16-18, 20-28, 30-33, and 35-37. If any matters require further attention, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number below. The Applicant authorizes the deduction of any necessary fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0978. In the unlikely event that the Examiner refuses entry of these amendments, Applicant hereby requests continued examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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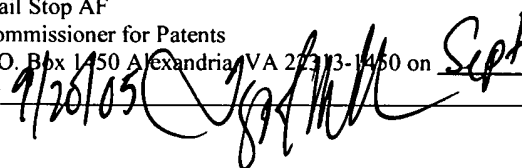
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